

BILL NO. 88-86

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 88-86

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at the
request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 88-36 Date December 13, 1988

AN ACT to add new subsection 219-13B, heading, Residential/Office District (RO), to Section 219-13, heading, Signs Permitted by District, of Chapter 219, heading, Signs, of the Harford County Code, as amended, to provide for the regulation of exterior signs in the Residential/Office District within the County and to further provide for the renumbering of subsections B and C of Section 219-13.

By the Council, December 13, 1988

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: January 17, 1989

at: 6:00 P.M.

By Order: Doris Poulsen, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on January 17, 1989

and concluded on January 17, 1989

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford
2 County that new subsection 219-13B, heading, Residential/
3 Office District (RO), be, and it hereby is, added to Section
4 219-13, heading, Signs Permitted by District, of Chapter 219,
5 heading, Signs, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all
6 to read as follows:

7 Chapter 219. Signs.

8 Article VI. District Regulations.

9 Section 219-13. Signs Permitted by District.

10 The following signs shall be permitted in the following
11 districts:

12 A. Residential districts and residential lots.

13 (1) Professional or home occupation signs:

14 (a) One (1) lighted sign, not exceeding two
15 (2) square feet in area and attached flat against the
16 building, shall be permitted in conjunction with approved
17 professional or home occupations as set forth in the Zoning
18 Code.

19 (b) Freestanding signs may be permitted as
20 a special exception, subject to the approval of the Board,
21 provided that they are located not less than ten (10) feet
22 from the road right-of-way, do not exceed six (6) feet in
23 height and do not have a sign area exceeding four (4) square
24 feet.

25 B. RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE DISTRICT (RO).

26 ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE ALLOWED:

27 (1) FREESTANDING SIGNS WHICH SHALL HAVE A MAXIMUM
28 OF FOUR (4) SQUARE FEET IN AREA, SHALL BE NO MORE THAN SIX
29 (6) FEET IN HEIGHT, AND SHALL BE PLACED PERPENDICULAR TO THE
30 ROAD; OR

31 (2) A WALL SIGN WHICH SHALL BE ATTACHED ONLY TO
32 THE FRONT OF A BUILDING, SHALL BE ADJACENT TO THE FRONT

ENTRYWAY, AND SHALL BE NO LARGER THAN FOUR (4) SQUARE FEET IN AREA.

(3) FREESTANDING AND WALL SIGNS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD AND SHALL NOT BE INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED. BOTH FREESTANDING AND WALL SIGNS MAY BE EXTERNALLY ILLUMINATED.

(4) SIGNS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN AN UNOBTRUSIVE MANNER WHICH COMPLIMENTS THE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENT OF THE BUILDING AND REFLECTS THE ARCHITECTURAL PERIOD OF THE BUILDING.

[B.] C. Business districts and industrial districts.

(1) Signs erected on and attached to commercial or industrial buildings. The total area of all signs erected on and attached to commercial or industrial buildings shall not exceed four (4) square feet per each linear foot of building width measured along the front wall or entrance wall of a building. If a building is located on a lot having frontage on two (2) streets, then the sign area for each side shall be calculated separately.

(a) Wall signs.

(b) Projecting signs.

(c) Marquees.

(d) Roof signs.

(e) Canopy signs.

(f) Temporary signs erected on and attached to commercial or industrial buildings.

(g) Freestanding signs.

(1) Freestanding signs identifying integrated community shopping centers. Freestanding signs identifying integrated community shopping centers shall be allowed, but the maximum sign area shall be determined independently from the sign area restrictions contained in

1 219-5B. Freestanding signs shall not exceed one (1)
2 square foot in area for each foot of road frontage or four
3 hundred (400) square feet, whichever is smaller. One (1)
4 such sign shall be permitted for each road frontage or not
5 more than two (2) signs shall be permitted along any frontage
6 which exceeds five hundred (500) feet. The sign height shall
7 not exceed forty (40) feet and shall be set back not less
8 than twenty (20) feet from the front property line.

9 (2) For other commercial or
10 industrial activity. Two (2) freestanding signs identifying
11 commercial or industrial activity other than community
12 shopping centers shall be allowed on each road frontage, and
13 the maximum sign area shall be determined in accordance with
14 the restrictions contained in 217-5B.

15 (2) Directional signs. One (1) directional sign,
16 not exceeding four (4) square feet in area nor six (6) feet
17 in height above the road grade, shall be permitted per
18 business use if located at the nearest intersection of any
19 major collector or arterial road and set back the required
20 distance for the district. However, the maximum number of
21 directional signs shall not exceed three (3) per
22 intersectional quadrant.

23 [C.] D. Agricultural districts.

24 (1) Professional or home occupation signs. One
25 (1) lighted sign, not exceeding two (2) square feet in area,
26 on lots not exclusively used for residential purposes shall
27 be permitted. These signs may be attached flat against the
28 building or, if freestanding, located not less than ten (10)
29 feet from the road right of way.

30 (2) Directional signs. One (1) directional sign,
31 not exceeding four (4) square feet in sign area and six (6)
32 feet in height above the road grade, shall be permitted per

1 business use if set back ten (10) feet from the road right-of-
2 way and located at the nearest intersecting arterial road.

3 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act shall
4 take effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes
5 law.

6 EFFECTIVE: April 17, 1989

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8 *The Secretary of the Council does hereby*
9 *certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill*
10 *are immediately available for distribution to*
11 *the public and the press.*

12 *Doris Poulsen*, Secretary
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Read the third time.

Passed LSD 89-5 (February 14, 1989)

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By Order

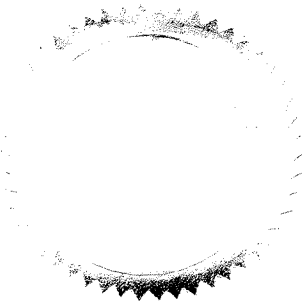
Doris Poulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 15th day of February, 1989
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:



[Signature]
County Executive

Date 2-15-89

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, (No. 88-86), having been approved by the Executive
and returned to the Council, becomes law on February 15, 1989.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

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